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NORTH DAKOTA HOMELAND SECURITY ANTI-TERRORISM SUMMARY



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North Dakota attempted murder suspect now faces riot charge. A man charged with attempted murder in a Williston shooting is now accused of trying to start a riot in the Williams County jail.

Source: http://bismarcktribune.com/news/state-and-regional/north-dakota-attempted-murder-suspect-now-faces-riot-charge/article_1985f962-a91d-11e2-a7d2-001a4bcf887a.html

Williston shooting suspect identified. Authorities have identified a man who allegedly barricaded himself in a home and surrendered after he was shot. Source:

http://bismarcktribune.com/news/state-and-regional/williston-shooting-suspect-identified/article_5e9e0ff6-a979-11e2-b428-0019bb2963f4.html

REGIONAL

(Minnesota) 1 person dead, 2 others are injured in shooting at Shakopee apartment. Police said an April 18 shooting in Shakopee, which left one man fatally shot and two others wounded was not a random act of violence and are investigating the incident with support from the Bureau of Criminal Apprehension. Source:

<http://www.therepublic.com/view/story/d10c1d9ef5ca4d76a3a8c3462b56eb84/MN--Shakopee-Shooting>

NATIONAL

FBI confirms letters to Obama, others contained ricin. The FBI said Thursday it confirmed the presence of the deadly poison ricin in letters sent to President Barack Obama, a U.S. senator and a judge. Source: <http://www.cnn.com/2013/04/18/politics/tainted-letter-intercepted/index.html>

One week later: Boston honors bombing victims; suspect unable to speak. At 2:50 p.m. Monday, Boston will fall silent to honor the victims of a tragedy that traumatized the city. A minute later, bells will ring to mark the Boston Marathon bombings one week ago today. Source: http://www.cnn.com/2013/04/22/us/boston-attack/index.html?hpt=hp_inthenews

Texan town tries to rebuild with community, spirituality. One by one, the beleaguered townspeople of West, Texas, filed into local churches Sunday to begin the healing process, following last week's deadly blast at the nearby West Fertilizer Co. plant. Source: http://www.cnn.com/2013/04/21/us/texas-explosion/index.html?hpt=hp_inthenews

INTERNATIONAL

North Korea diplomacy effort grows, but sides are still far apart. A week of critical diplomacy is set to begin in Washington, Beijing and Pyongyang. But the sides are so far apart, at least in public declarations, it is impossible to predict where any diplomatic efforts will lead. Source: http://www.cnn.com/2013/04/21/world/asia/north-korea-diplomacy/index.html?hpt=hp_t3

BANKING AND FINANCE INDUSTRY

SAC's record \$602 million SEC settlement approved. A settlement between the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission and SAC Capital Advisors for \$602 million over insider trading was approved by a federal judge, but was conditioned on a future ruling regarding no-fault settlements involving Citigroup. Source: <http://www.bloomberg.com/news/2013-04-16/sac-s-record-602-million-sec-settlement-approved.html>

CHEMICAL AND HAZARDOUS MATERIALS SECTOR

Refer to *NATIONAL*, item #3 for related information.

COMMERCIAL FACILITIES

(Massachusetts) Boston bomb probe focuses on bags and pressure cooker. Nearly a mile of Boston's Boylston Street remained closed off April 17 along with some surrounding blocks as investigators looked for additional information surrounding the bombing of the Boston Marathon April 15. Pictures from the bomb scene showed remains of the explosive device including a circuit board, wires, and a battery believed to be inside a pressure cooker inside a nylon backpack that also may have included ball bearings, nails and other debris. Source: <http://ca.sports.yahoo.com/news/boston-bomb-probe-looking-pressure-cooker-backpacks-061852664--sector.html>

COMMUNICATIONS SECTOR

"Syrian Electronic Army" defaces NPR website, Twitter accounts. Members of a Syrian organization devoted hacking into Web sites claimed they defaced National Public Radio's main Web site, five Twitter accounts belonging to NPR, and its blog April 15. Source: <http://www.scmagazine.com/syrian-electronic-army-defaces-npr-website-twitter-accounts/article/289036/>

CRITICAL MANUFACTURING

Honda recalling more than 204,000 SUVs and Vans to fix shift mechanism. Approximately 204,169 of certain CR-V sport-utility vehicles and Odyssey minivans from the 2012 and 2013 model years, and 2013 Acura RDX SUVs are being recalled by Honda Motor Co to fix a possible flaw in their brake-shift interlock mechanisms. Source: <http://blogs.wsj.com/drivers-seat/2013/04/19/honda-recalling-more-than-204000-suvs-and-vans-to-fix-shift-mechanism/>

DEFENSE/ INDUSTRY BASE SECTOR

Nothing Significant to Report

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EMERGENCY SERVICES

Nothing Significant to Report

ENERGY

NYSEG parent suffers breach. Iberdrola USA, the parent company for New York State Electric & Gas and other utilities around the Northeast confirmed a hacker breached their Internet recruitment site. The Web site does not involve any customer data however about 5,100 people could be affected by the breach. Source:

<http://www.recordonline.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20130417/BIZ/304170326>

FOOD AND AGRICULTURE

Hepatitis A outbreak in Nordic countries linked to frozen berries. Approximately 56 people in 4 of Europe's Nordic countries have been sickened by a Hepatitis A outbreak linked to frozen berries. Source: <http://www.foodsafetynews.com/2013/04/hepatitis-a-outbreak-in-northern-european-countries-linked-to-frozen-berries/#.UW6KQbWkr44>

GOVERNMENT SECTOR (INCLUDING SCHOOLS AND UNIVERSITIES)

(Michigan) U.S. Senator's office to remain closed after receiving suspicious mail. A U.S. Senator's office was evacuated April 17 and is closed indefinitely due to a suspicious letter that was delivered to the facility. The staffer that found the piece of mail was sent to the hospital as a precaution and authorities are awaiting test results. Source:

<http://www.detroitnews.com/article/20130417/POLITICS03/304170427>

(Washington, D.C.) Envelope tests positive for ricin at Washington mail facility. Officials are investigating an envelope that tested positive for ricin discovered at an off-site U.S. Capitol mail facility in Washington, D.C. The envelope was addressed to a U.S. senator and authorities are conducting a full analysis to ensure preliminary results were conclusive. Source:

http://www.cnn.com/2013/04/16/us/tainted-letter-intercepted/index.html?hpt=hp_c2

(Washington, D.C.) Secret service says suspicious letter mailed to U.S. President, intercepted away from White House. A letter addressed to the U.S. President containing a substance deemed suspicious was intercepted by the U.S. Secret Service April 17 at an off-site mail facility. Officials are investigating the incident and are testing the substance. Source:

http://www.washingtonpost.com/politics/secret-service-says-suspicious-letter-mailed-to-obama-intercepted-away-from-white-house/2013/04/17/fe4570f2-a772-11e2-9e1c-bb0fb0c2edd9_story.html

U.S. Army weak on mobile devices security. An audit from the U.S. Department of Defense found that the U.S. Army has not adequately developed and implemented security guidelines

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for the use of mobile devices now in service, and that the current policies are inconsistently implemented. Source: <http://www.homelandsecuritynewswire.com/dr20130417-u-s-army-weak-on-mobile-devices-security>

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS

Cybercriminals use fake TPG Telecom notifications to spread Zeus variant. Kaspersky published a spam report and detailed an email campaign that utilizes the Australian telecom company TPG Telecom to distribute a variant of the Zeus Trojan through an attachment.

Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/Cybercriminals-Use-Fake-TPG-Telecom-Notifications-to-Spread-Zeus-Variant-346510.shtml>

Websites of 8 US organizations hacked for OpUSA. A hacktivist group is taking credit for defacing 8 U.S. organizations' Web sites as part of their campaign to go after establishments with ties to the government. Some of the sites have been restored while others were taken offline. Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/Websites-of-8-US-Organizations-Hacked-for-OpUSA-346698.shtml>

Reddit disrupted by DDOS attack – 4/19/2013. Representatives from Reddit announced the site was the target of a DDoS attack that disrupted service and they are working to mitigate the incident. Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/Reddit-Disrupted-by-DDOS-Attack-4-19-2013-346850.shtml>

OpGabon: Gabon Ministry of Justice, other government sites attacked by Anonymous.

Members of a hacktivist group have disrupted a number of Web sites that belong to the government of Gabon by distributing DDoS attacks. A few participants attempted to utilize a web-based DDoS attack tool to send large amounts of packets in an effort to render the sites inoperable. Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/OpGabon-Gabon-Ministry-of-Justice-Other-Government-Sites-Attacked-by-Anonymous-346887.shtml>

Mobile malware up 163 percent in 2012, study says. A report by NQ Mobile found that malware targeting mobile devices increased 163 percent in 2012, and that the Android operating system was targeted by nearly 95 percent of mobile malware discovered in 2012. Source: <http://www.darkreading.com/mobile-security/167901113/security/vulnerabilities/240152977/mobile-malware-up-163-percent-in-2012-study-says.html>

Bots used to attack Israeli websites on April 7 spread out in 27 countries. Trend Micro analyzed a distributed denial of service (DDoS) attack by hackers, associated with Anonymous, on Israeli Web sites and found that most of the traffic came from outside Israel and that many IP addresses used in the DDoS attack were in botnets under the control of cybercriminals. Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/Bots-Used-to-Attack-Israeli-Websites-on-April-7-Spread-Out-in-27-Countries-346038.shtml>

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DDOS attacks have increased in number and size this year, report says. A report by Prolexic found that the volume, frequency, and duration of distributed denial of service (DDoS) attacks have increased significantly during the first 3 months of this year. Source: http://www.pcworld.idg.com.au/article/459331/ddos_attacks_increased_number_size_year_report_says/

NATIONAL MONUMENTS AND ICONS

Authorities identify Colorado avalanche victims. The five snowboarders who died in a Colorado avalanche this weekend were all in their 30s and from Colorado, the sheriff's office said Sunday. Source: http://www.cnn.com/2013/04/20/us/colorado-avalanche-victims/index.html?hpt=hp_inthenews

POSTAL AND SHIPPING

Refer to **GOVERNMENT SECTOR**, items # 1, 2, and 3 for related information.

PUBLIC HEALTH

Nothing Significant to Report

TRANSPORTATION

(Boston) Boston transit shut down, nearly 1 million sheltering in place amid terror hunt.

Authorities implemented a city-wide lock down in Boston including the cancellation of all public school activities, the suspension of transportation services, and the closure of trial courthouses and offices to allow law enforcement officials to conduct a search for a second suspect believed to be involved in the April 15 marathon bombings. Source: <http://usnews.nbcnews.com/news/2013/04/19/17822687-boston-transit-shut-down-nearly-1-million-sheltering-in-place-amid-terror-hunt?lite>

Hospital, homes evacuated amid flood threats in Illinois, elsewhere. Severe storms in the Midwest have caused hundreds of flight cancellations and flooding, with one Illinois hospital evacuating patients due to rising floodwaters. Various roads and highways have also been inundated by flash floods around Illinois, Indiana, and elsewhere creating dangerous travel conditions. Source: <http://www.cnn.com/2013/04/18/travel/weather/index.html>

WATER AND DAMS

(Illinois; Iowa; Missouri) Midwest flooding expected for several days in Illinois, Iowa, Missouri after storms. After a spring storm unleashed downpours from Oklahoma to Michigan, rivers across several states are expected to rise for several days as the water causes smaller rivers and

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tributaries to increase above flood stage, forcing evacuations in multiple communities. Source: http://www.huffingtonpost.com/2013/04/19/midwest-flooding_n_3114489.html

HOMELAND SECURITY CONTACTS

To report a homeland security incident, please contact your local law enforcement agency or one of these agencies: **North Dakota State and Local Intelligence Center**: 866-885-8295(IN ND ONLY); Email: ndslic@nd.gov; Fax: 701-328-8175 **State Radio**: 800-472-2121; **Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI)**: 701-328-5500; **North Dakota Highway Patrol**: 701-328-2455; **US Attorney's Office Intel Analyst**: 701-297-7400; **Bismarck FBI**: 701-223-4875; **Fargo FBI**: 701-232-7241.

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